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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION ON SHOES

1. INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH GOB INDICATE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO SENDING GOB TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. THEY ARE SEEKING TO FIND TWO OR THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TECHNICAL EXPERTS. GOB IS UNCERTAIN, HOWEVER, ABOUT LEADERSHIP OF GROUP. AT THIS TIME THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO SEND SENIOR POLICY OFFICIAL ON GROUNDS THAT HE MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BEFORE GOB HAS HAD TIME TO DETERMINE ITS OWN POSITION ON PROBLEM. AT THIS STAGE THEY PREFER DIALOGUE TO BE LIMITED TO TECHNICAL MATTERS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE TO GOB THE SPECIFIC NAMES AND DESCRIPTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE US GROUP SO GOB COULD DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

2. KAFKA, BRAZIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO IMF, IS ON VISIT TO BRASILIA. HE INFORMED AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATION TREASURY ASST SEC HENNESSY HAD SAID TO HIM THAT SHOE PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED WITH GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES AND WITH APPLICATION OF "SOME IMAGINATION"; KAFKA PASSED COMMENT TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GOB. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN CONDUCTING OUR CONTACTS WITH GOB OFFICIALS TO
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HAVE ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF HENNESSY-KAFKA

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CONVERSATION AND CORRESPONDING GUIDANCE.
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